which appeared in the Times of India dated 9th June, 1992 regarding starvation deaths of tribal children and their extreme exploitation in the stone quarries in Madhya Pradesh in Uttar violation of labour laws; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh the owner of the crusher where the parents of the children were working and two others have been arrested. The families of the deceased have been given Rs. 2000/- each from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Rs. 500/- each has also been given to the persons under treatment. Further enquiry into the incident is under way.

Cases against management of State Bank of Indore

1589. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in the branches of the State Bank of Indore in the Union Territory of Delhi who had filed cases against the management in the Labour Court (Central) High Court and in the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) Delhi, in connection with their terminations/ transfers from 1985 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, court-wise;

(c) what is the present position of the cases;

(d) whether the orders issued by the Assistant Labour Commissioner have been complied with;

(e) if not the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken against the management for non-compliance of the orders and tampering with the despatch records?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (f) The information is being collected.

Unemployed Registered with Employment Exchanges in Punjab

1590. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the number of educated and uneducated unemployed persons registered with the employment exchanges in Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of them are graduates and matriculates and what is the number of women among them;

(c) how many were provided with employment by various employment exchanges during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) how many are likely to be provided employment during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The number of job-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, in Punjab classified by education level and sex for 1988, 1989 and 1990 (Latest available) are furnished in the statement annexed. (*See* below).

(c) The total number of placements effected through employment exchanges in Punjab during 1988, 1989 and 1990 were as given below:

Year	Number (In thousands)
1988	9.0
1989	6.5
1990	4.8

(d) Role of employment exchanges is limited to sponsoring of job-seekers against the vacancies notified to employment exchanges by various employers.

Statement

Number of job-seekers on live register of employment exchanges classified by education level and sex in Punjab-1988, 1989 and 1990

(In thousands)

Education level	Number on live register 1988		1989		1990	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
1. Below Matriculates	278.0	26.2	268.5	32.2	244.7	23.8
2. Matriculates	182.9	34.7	191.2	36.3	249.7	52.1
3. Higher Secondary/Intermediates	44.2	9.2	49.2	10.2	57.9	14.2
4. Graduates & above	71.0	29.4	75.4	31.2	103.6	47.0
TOTAL	576.1	99.4	584.3	108.9	656.0	137.1

Changes in Labour Laws

1591. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring about changes in the labour laws;

(b) if so, the details of the changes likely to be made in the labour laws;

(c) whether Government have consulted State Governments before making any changes in the labour laws; and

(d) if so, to what extent the changes in the labour laws would curb exploitation of labour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) The legislative proposals in brief are as follows:

(i) The Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services), Bill, 1988: The Bill seeks to improve working conditions of the building and other construction workers. It was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 5-12-1988.

(ii) *Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment and Conditions of Service)* Bill, 1990: It seeks to extend the coverage of Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 to employees working in godowns and warehouses and to improve the working conditions of the workers covered by the proposed bill. The bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 30-5-1990.

(iii) *Plantation Labour (Amendment)* Bill, 1992: The Bill seeks to provide for better welfare facilities, safety provisions to plantation labour and deterrent penal provisions for non-implementation of the welfare provisions of the Act. It was introduced in Rajya Sabha on May 7, 1992.

Apart from the above pending bills it is proposed to amend the following Acts:—